

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Rossoshek for taking time from her busy schedule to conduct a telephone interview on May 10, 2004, with Co-Inventor Hathaway and Applicants' representative.

This interview was courteous and professional and it is believed that the exchange of viewpoints has greatly expedited prosecution.

In accordance with this telephone interview, Applicants herein submit claim amendments in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion to clarify how the copies are interrelated.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submits that claims 1-22, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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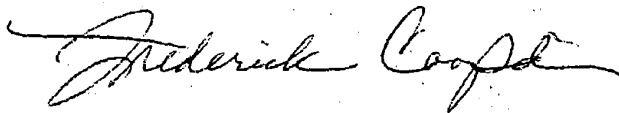
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

Respectfully Submitted,

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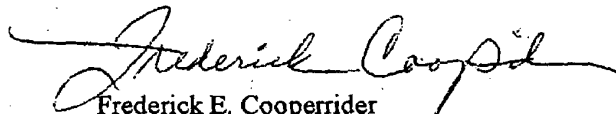


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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (703) 872-9306 this Supplemental Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111 to Examiner Rossoshek on May 12, 2004.



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